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**Response Due Date**  
**06/21/2012**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00162339

REFERENCE: FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORT (01/01/2012 - 01/31/2012)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated party committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (2 U.S.C § 434(b) and FORM 3X Instructions)
2. Schedule A of your February Monthly Report (1/1/12 - 1/31/12) discloses transfers totaling \$1,794.03 from "McCain-Palin Victory 2008" and \$11,065.03 from "McCain Palin Victory Ohio", which is a joint fundraising committee affiliated with your committee. The Commission notes your additional description that both of these were "Final distribution - no donors to report". However, the sum of memo Schedule A is less than the total amount transferred for the calendar years 2008 - 2012. Please note that the sum of memo Schedule A supporting a transfer(s) from a joint fundraising committee should be greater than or equal to the amount of the transfer(s).

Each participating committee shall report its share for net proceeds received from the joint fundraising committee as a transfer-in on Schedule A. A memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions received through the joint fundraiser. The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200

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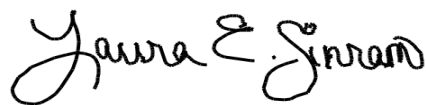
during the calendar year and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. (11 CFR § 102.17(c)(8)(i)(B)) Please amend your report to include the missing Schedule A or provide an explanation for this apparent discrepancy.

3. Schedule D of your report itemizes a \$5,991.64 debt owed to "Southwest Publishing & Mailing Corporation" and a \$3,195.02 debt owed to "Steve Brown Direct Mail Inc." with an outstanding beginning balance(s) not included on your previous report. Please file an amendment to your report(s) to correct this discrepancy. (11 CFR § 104.11(b))

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1157.

Sincerely,



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